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SUBJECT: ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL AND USE OF U.S. DEFENSE ARTICLES

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1. BEFORE RECEIVING REF A I HAD BRACED WEIZMAN HARD ON THE APPARENT DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN WHAT GUR HAD PROMISED SIILASVUO ABOUT WITHDRAWALS AND WHAT THE MAP SUPPLIED BY LEVINSON IMPLIED (REF B). I TOLD HIM IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT HE STRAIGHTEN THIS OUT WITH SIILASVUO AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND THAT A DETAILED SPECIFIC WITHDRAWAL SCHEDULE BE WORKED OUT AND PUBLICIZED QUICKLY. I SAID THAT I WAS HAPPY THEY HAD ISSUED THE PROMISED STATEMENT AFTER OUR LAST CONVERSATION AND THAT IT HAD APPARENTLY BEEN HELPFUL IN DELAYING SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS. BUT MUCH MORE SPECIFIC ASSURANCES AND MORE EVIDENCE OF RAPID WITHDRAWAL ON THE GROUND WAS GOING TO BE NECESSARY QUICKLY. WEIZMAN SAID HE UNDERSTOOD AND WAS ALREADY IN THE PROCESS OF GETTING GUR BACK TOGETHER WITH SIILASVUO AS SOON AS SIILASVUO RETURNED FROM BEIRUT TO TRY TO "STRAIGHTEN OUT THE MESS." I HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT HE WAS NOT CLEAR HIMSELF WHAT HAD HAPPENED, BUT HE LAUGHED OUT OF
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COURT MY "INNOCENT" QUERY AS TO WHETHER PRESSURE FROM HADDAD AND COMPANY WAS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE REFUSE HEAP.

2. I ALSO WENT OVER QUICKLY WITH WEIZMAN THE PROBLEM OF THE TRANSFER OF U.S. FURNISHED EQUIPMENT AND THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS TO CONGRESS. I MADE SURE HE UNDERSTOOD LETTERS WOULD BE GOING TO CONGRESS IN THE

VERY NEAR FUTURE AND THAT WE ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO MAKE THESE REPORTS. I WENT THROUGH SELECTIVELY SOME OF THE TALKING POINTS IN PARA TWO OF REF A, AND AGREED THAT I WOULD SEE HIM TOMORROW AFTERNOON FOR A FORMAL PRESENTATION OF ALL THE POINTS WHICH HE CAN PROPERLY RECORD AND REPORT ON TO BEGIN. (MY JUDGMENT IS THAT IT IS MUCH BETTER IN THIS CASE TO MAKE THE DEMARCHE TO WEIZMAN. IT WILL BE TRANSCRIBED BY A STENOTYPIST AND A COPY WILL GO TO BEGIN.)

3. WITH REGARD TO THE NEXT TO LAST POINT UNDER PARA TWO OF REF A, WEIZMAN GAVE ME CATEGORIC AND AUTHORITY ASSURANCES THAT THERE WILL BE NO MORE UNAUTHORIZED TRANSFER TO ANY FORCES IN LEBANON OF DEFENSE ARTICLES WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN PROVIDED BY THE U.S. UNDER AGREED TRANSFER LIMITATIONS. I WILL SPELL OUT MORE CAREFULLY TO HIM TOMORROW WHAT THIS IMPLIES.

4. IN THE MEANTIME, WE HAVE NO RECORD HERE OF RECEIVING A COPY OF THE LIST PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY THE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN FEBRUARY (POINT FOUR OF PARA TWO, REF A). IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF DEPARTMENT COULD PROVIDE IT TO US BY IMMEDIATE CABLE.
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